

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Appl. No. 10/684,684

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-22 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claims 1, 4-11, 21 and 22 presently stand rejected. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 21, and has added new dependent claims 23 and 24 to further define the clearance that exists between the outer surface of the shaft and the inner surface of the cylinder.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Garcia for the kindness extended during the personal interview conducted on September 11, 2006, at which the undersigned as well as Messrs. Inuzuka and Ieda were present on behalf of Applicants.

Drawings

Applicants are submitting a new sheet of drawings that adds a reference number to identify the clearance that appears between the cylinder and shaft, as discussed in the interview.

Specification

The Examiner has indicated that the specification is objected to on the Office Action Summary page. However, the Examiner did not indicate why the specification is objected to. Applicant respectfully requests clarification and indicates willingness to comply with reasonable requests that would improve the style and content of the disclosure.

As suggested by the Examiner at the interview, the specification and figures are amended to indicate with reference numerals and describe the presence of a "clearance" between the outer periphery of the shaft and the inner periphery of the cylinder, after the calking is created. As noted subsequently, this clearance permits the cylinder to be loosely fit over the surface of the shaft without force, thereby overcoming the problems identified in paragraph [0006] of the original specification.

"Interview
Record OK"
EL. 2/22/07